

FISCAL NOTE

HB 546 - SB 799

March 27, 2003

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Department of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities to have applications available as provided under the Community Mental Health Center Cooperation Act of 1998 on or before January 1, 2004.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Other Fiscal Impact - Current law allows community mental health centers to negotiate and enter into cooperative agreements after approval by the Department of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities. Any expense of the department to evaluate an application is to be recovered from application fees, which current law allows the department to impose.

Public Chapter 1005 of 1998 created the Community Mental Health Center Cooperation Act of 1998 allowing community mental health centers to negotiate and enter into cooperative agreements. Current law does not specify a deadline for implementation of the process and this bill establishes such a deadline. The current law allows the department to establish fees to cover all costs of the process.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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